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SUBJECT: PERON'S TRAVEL PLANS

REF: BA-2065 NOTAL

1. IN MEETING WITH ITALIAN SOCIAL SECURITY AND LABOR LEADERS MAY 4, PERON INDICATED HE PLANNED TO MAKE STATE VISIT TO ITALY BEFORE END OF YEAR. PRESS SPECULATES THAT HE WILL PROBABLY VISIT SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES AT SAME TIME.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT ECON MINISTER GELBARD HAS ANNOUNCED IN MOSCOW THAT PERON WILL VISIT THERE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

3. PRESS HERE ALSO REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ASUNCION THAT PERON WILL VISIT THERE MAY 22, PRINCIPALLY TO DISCUSS HYDRO-ELECTRIC RESOURCES WITH STROESSNER.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN CONSTANT SPECULATION AND FREQUENT FALSE REPORTS CONCERNING PERON'S TRAVEL PLANS, IT IS DIFFICULT NOT TO TREAT PRESENT ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. ESCRIBANO OF LA NACION TOLD EMBOFF SOME DAYS AGO THAT HE HAD CAREFULLY CHECKED BACK ON ALL REPORTS OF PERON TRAVEL PLANS HE HAD RECEIVED OVER PAST FEW MONTHS AND FOUND THEY ALL ORIGINATED
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WITH SOURCES IN CASA ROSADA. HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT PERON

HIMSELF WAS FEEDING THE SPECULATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE TRIPS ABROAD WITH VIEW TO KEEPING EVERYONE GUESSING AND TO OBFUSCATING INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO NUMBER OF ISSUES SUCH AS JUSTICIALISTA PARTY CONGRESS, POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGES, ETC. THERE IS DOUBTLESS SOME TRUTH IN THIS. THE PRESENT ANNOUNCEMENTS, HOWEVER, DO APPEAR TO BE MORE SOLID THAN THOSE IN THE PAST. PERON MAY WELL TRAVEL TO ITALY, THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES IN LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL. AS SOME OBSERVERS HAVE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCH A TRIP NOW SERVES A USEFUL POLITICAL PURPOSE, WHETHER OR NOT HE EVER MAKES IT. HAVING JUST ATTACKED EXTREME LEFT IN HIS MAY DAY SPEECH AT PLAZA DE MAYO, PERON GUARDS AGAINST GAINING IMAGE OF RIGHT-WING CAUDILLO BY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER ANNOUNCING TRIP TO SOVIET UNION. TWO THINGS ARE NOT IN FACT INTRINSICALLY CONTRADICTIONARY SINCE EXTREME LEFT AGAINST WHICH PERON RAILS TENDS TO LOOK TO PEKING AND HAVANA AND THUS IS ON OTHER SIDE OF FENCE FROM BOTH PERON AND MOSCOW. BUT THAT IS A NUSANCE WHICH WILL BE LOST ON THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE ARGENTINE PUBLIC.

5. ACCORDING TO LA OPINION MAY 7, THIS WILL BE PERON'S SECOND TRIP TO SOVIET UNION. IRONICALLY, HE WAS THERE FIRST IN 1939, DURING DAYS OF MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP PACT. WHILE IN EAST PRUSSIA ON SHORT MILITARY STUDY MISSION, HE REPORTEDLY VISITED A NUMBER OR BORDER AREAS OF SOVIET UNION BUT NEVER GOT AS FAR AS MOSCOW.

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